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**Office Action Summary**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 May 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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***Response to Arguments***

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 19-31 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 19-23, and 27-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Logan et al. (US 5,371,551 A) in view of Dunn (US 5,517,257 A).

Regarding claim 19, Logan teaches a computer readable medium comprising executable instructions (see col. 5, lines 11-17) for performing a method comprising receiving a composite signal (see col. 4, lines 16-19), displaying a program received on the composite signal (see col. 4, lines 37-39); receiving actuation of a delay control (i.e., pause – see abstract; col. 1, lines 8-14 and 39-45; col. 4, lines 7-13; col. 5, lines 31-34), in response to the delay control actuation, compressing and saving the program to a circular buffer (23) as it is received (it is noted that the system provides an arrangement for monitoring programming as it is broadcast and for enabling the viewer to pause the broadcast programming, and the broadcast programming are compressed prior to storage in the buffer 23 – see col. 1, lines 8-14; col. 2, lines 42-46; col. 4, lines 25-31; col. 5, lines 22-34; abstract), decompressing and resuming display of the program as saved in the circular buffer from a time of delay actuation (since the system enables the viewer to pause the broadcast programming, the system also allows the viewer to resume the

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programming. Particularly, the microcontroller 22 selects a location in the buffer 23 from which programming is to be read, and the retrieved signal is supplied to a decompressor 25 for decompressing the compressed data – see abstract; col. 1, lines 8-14; col. 4, lines 31-37; col. 5, lines 22-34).

Logan does not teach displaying a user interface comprising a delay control and a resume control, receiving actuation of the delay control via the user interface, and in response to the delay control action, persisting the user interface on screen with the resume control highlighted, and delaying display of the program. However, Dunn teaches displaying user interface 100 comprising pause control 110 and play control 102 (see figures 3, 5, 6 and 8). Dunn further teaches that if the movie is running, the interface 100 is called up when viewer wishes to control VCR-like, i.e., pause, the interface 100 having "play" symbol is displayed. It is noted that the interface 100 having pause control and play control are mutually exclusive in that the play control is useful only when movie is paused, and the pause control is useful only when the movie is running (see figures 6 and 8; col. 7, line 63 to col. 8, line 13; col. 6, lines 36-39). From this view, play/resume control is active or centered attention on when the movie is paused. In other words, the interface 100 with play/resume control highlighted is provided on screen when the movie is paused. That is, the interface with play/resume control highlighted on screen is persisted until the viewer presses play/resume control. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Logan by including the interface having play/resume control and pause control, and persisting the interface with play/resume control highlighted on screen until the viewer presses play/resume control as taught by Dunn in order to provide viewers a convenient, intuitive video control user interface for controlling viewing of video movies on a television.

Regarding claim 20, Logan further teaches decompressing and playing display of the program as saved in the circular buffer from the time of delay actuation, while continuing to compress and save the program to the circular buffer as it is received (see abstract; col. 1, lines 8-14 and 45-60; col. 5, lines 22-27).

Regarding claim 21, Logan as modified by Dunn further teaches that the program is chosen from among a list comprising video on demand and broadcast television (see Dunn: col. 5, lines 26-31).

Claims 22 and 23 recite the similar limitations of claim 19. Accordingly, the similar interpretations with respect to claim 19 are applied to claims 22 and 23. See rejection of claim 19 above.

Regarding claims 27 and 28, the combined teachings of Logan and Dunn include displaying the user interface on a terminal (TV – see Dunn: figure 3), and the terminal comprising an infrared interface and a cable user interfaces (see Dunn: col. 5, lines 1-4; col. 4, lines 8-11; see Logan: figure 2).

Regarding claim 29, Logan teaches that the program received on the composite signal is a video program (see col. 4, lines 37-39).

Regarding claim 30, Logan teaches that the program received on the composite signal comprises at least one interactive component (see col. 4, lines 3-6).

4. Claims 24-26 and 31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Logan et al. (US 5,371,551 A) in view of Dunn (US 5,517,257 A) in view of Rangan et al. (US 6,154,771 A).

Regarding claims 24-26 and 31, the combined teachings of Logan and Dunn include the delay control and resume control. Both fail to teach the delay and resume controls are defined by HTML primitives, displaying a user interface rendering at least one HTML primitive, the user

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interface is displayed on a WebTV terminal, and/or at least one HTML primitive defines a hyperlink. However, Rangan discloses a web-based playback client terminal providing a web browser 70 included VCR-like controls 71 such as pause and resume/play functions for video playback controls. Rangan further discloses playing hypervideo or the feature of hyperlinks (see figures 2, 4; col. 24, line 59 to col. 25, line 18; col. 21, lines 15-21 and 28-33; col. 23, lines 14-16). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the combined system of Logan and Dunn by including a web browser included hyperlinks and VCR-like controls such as pause and resume/play functions for video playback controls as taught by Rangan in order to enhance the interactive television system.

### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ngoc K. Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-7306. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on 571-272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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